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COUNTRY

Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC

Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

EVALUATION

See below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

10 November to 4 December 1950

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

15 January 1951

REFERENCES

2 - two sketches on ditto

PAGES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Between 10 and 18 November 1950, the Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield (M 51/J 26) was not occupied by the Soviet Air Force. Surveying was done by four men at the field. (1) Some of the surveying sticks were set up south of the road running along the airfield. The field was guarded by 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
  2. Several truck loads of gravel, sand, and crushed stones, in addition to six tanks about 6 meters long and 2 meters in diameter, had been shipped to the field by the Municipal Economic Enterprise. (2)
  3. The airfield was not occupied by Soviet units on 20 November 1950. The entire landing field was staked out in 50 meter squares with wooden pegs which were marked with letters and numerals. (3) Surveying was not observed. There were no indications of imminent construction work. The civilian guard was no longer seen there.

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5. The field was not occupied by Soviet units on 4 December. Two Soviet soldiers carrying rifles were seen among the ruins at the southern edge of the field. Quarters facilities were not seen. Local residents said that the soldiers had been there for several days, but they did not know where they came from. The surveying sticks were still at the landing field. Preparations for construction work were not seen.

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Comments.

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- (1) The statement that the field was no longer occupied by an air unit and was being surveyed confirms information of 4 November 1950. [redacted] To date the construction work has not started.
- (2) The six containers, probably fuel tanks, were seen at the field on 17 October 1950. [redacted]
- (3) For sketch of pegs and layout of field, see Annexes 1 and 2. The pegs were used either for surveying or leveling on the landing field.

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2 Annexes: 2 sketches on ditto.

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